

ley, secretary. In 1948 Clyde Ritchie became superintendent and served with Wayne Whiting, Clarence Pace and Paul Stanley until 1950 when Wayne Whiting was sustained as superintendent. Assistants to him were Clarence Pace and Ralph Carlile, with Glendon Evans as secretary.

Byron Cheever was called as superintendent in 1952 and served with Clarence Pace, Ralph Carlile and J. Fred Price as assistants and Dan Thacker, Glyndon Evans and J. Clark Crook as secretaries.

Serving as superintendent from 1956 to 1958 was Robert Clyde, with Ren Provost and Grant Elliot as assistants and J. Clark Crook, secretary.

The present superintendent, Ren Provost, was sustained in 1958, and has as his assistants Grant Elliot and Rulon Carlile. Lynn Carlson and Francis Harrison have been secretaries.

WASATCH STAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSN.

As a benefit and help to his daughters, President Brigham Young organized on November 28, 1869, the "Young Ladies Retrenchment Society." The successful organization soon found acceptance in many wards and stakes of the Church, but each group organized was a separate entity, selecting its own officers and choosing its own activities or course of study. By 1880 there were enough of the groups that President John Taylor organized them into a "Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association" for the Church and called Elmina S. Taylor to be the general president. Aides were soon selected to assist in the work and from this group has come the general board. In later years the organization's name was changed to the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association.

Two years after the general Church organization of the YLMIA was appointed efforts were begun in Wasatch Stake to select a stake organization. In 1882 Josephine Cluff Jones was named president with Mary Duke and Mary Forman as counselors and Sarah Jane Hicken as secretary. Millie Cluff later became secretary. Present from the general board to assist in the organization of this first Wasatch Stake unit were Zina Young and Emmeline B. Wells.

This first presidency served together until 1885 when Ruth Hatch, wife of Abram Hatch, became president, with Annie R. Duke and Minnie Cluff as counselors. Secretaries included Lenora Duke, Millie Cluff and Georgana Clyde.

Annie R. Duke became president in 1889 with Sarah Cummings and Emily Hicken as counselors and Clara Duke, secretary. They served together until 1898 when Emily Hicken was named president with Eliza Rasband, counselor and Bethia Giles as secretary-librarian.

Fifth president in the stake was Eliza Rasband who was sustained in 1904 and served until 1910. Her counselors were Elfreda Jaspersen and Martha J. Duke, with Margaret Crook as secretary. Succeeding as the president was Clara Clyde in 1910, with Eliza Rasband and Lavina

BISHOPS OF THE CHARLESTON WARD



Nymphas C. Murdock



William Daybell



John M. Ritchie



Wayne Whiting



H. Fred Price



Eldon D. Wright

By 1877 the leaders of the Wasatch Stake had determined that Charleston and other communities should be organized into wards, and so a special conference was called in Heber City at which Apostles John Taylor and Franklin D. Richards from Salt Lake presided. President Abram Hatch of Wasatch Stake, with his counselors Thomas H. Giles and Henry S. Alexander, assisted in organizing six wards in the stake. Nymphus C. Murdock was called to be the first bishop of the Charleston Ward. Chosen as his counselors were Enoch Richins and Edward Buys. He served for 24 years, during which time he was loved and respected by all ward members. Many were benefitted by his willingness to loan money, particularly to help bring members of the Church from foreign lands to settle in Zion. He often told his people at the pulpit "All I have belongs to the Lord. I am willing at any time to give my all." He discouraged extravagance, and continually preached "Not what we want, but what is needful."

Bishop Murdock served until 1901. Those who were his counselors included Enoch Richins, Edward Buys, George Smith, Joseph R. Murdock and John M. Ritchie. Clerks were Joseph Royal Murdock, John M. Ritchie and John Fowers.

William Daybell was called as second bishop of the ward on Feb. 17, 1901, and chose as his counselors John M. Ritchie and George Price.

Ernest T. Bate was clerk. This bishopric served until Nov. 7, 1904 when John M. Ritchie was called as the third bishop. His counselors were George W. Daybell and J. Parley Edwards. Elder Bate continued as clerk. In 1906 John O. Edwards was called as second counselor with George J. Harbourn as clerk. This group served until Feb. 24, 1918 when J. Parley Edwards was sustained as first counselor to Bishop Ritchie with Moroni Winterton as second counselor. William H. Henline was sustained as clerk. Stephen A. Simmons became first counselor on March 11, 1923 and Wayne C. Whiting was sustained as second counselor. Elder Henline continued as clerk.

Bishop Ritchie and his counselors continued their service until Feb. 16, 1936, and with the release of Bishop Ritchie came to close 32 years of valiant service to the Church.

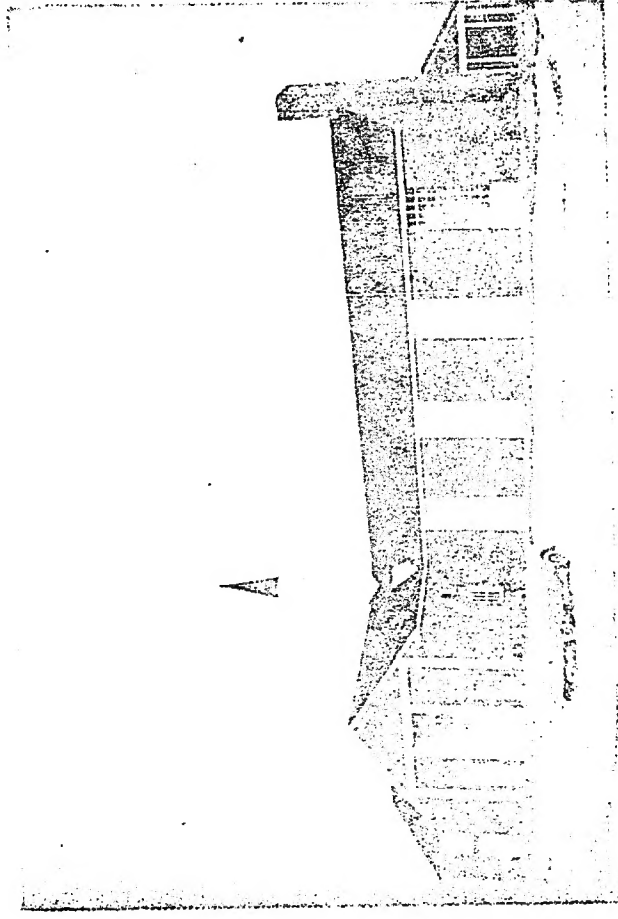
Wayne C. Whiting was sustained as the next bishop, and he chose as his counselors Heber R. Winterton and P. Clyde Ritchie. Elder Henline again was called as ward clerk, and served faithfully until Sept. 26, 1943 when Glen L. Farnsworth was sustained as clerk. H. Fred Price became second counselor on March 3, 1944, and on Sept. 15, 1946 when Bishop Whiting was released, became the new bishop. Counselors to Bishop Price were Jack I. Carlson and Valeo J. Winterton. H. Grant Flygare was sustained as clerk. Douglas Edwards became second counselor to Bishop Price on May 27, 1953.

The present Bishop, Eldon D. Wright was called to serve on July 14, 1957. His counselors are Douglas Edwards and H. Grant Flygare. Clerks have been LaVon Simmons, L. Warren Farnsworth and Grant J. Webster.

Elder John Watkins had helped build the first brick chapel in Charleston in 1873, and this served the people for more than 20 years. During the 1890's, the building became inadequate, and a stone building that had been used as an amusement and dance hall was donated to the Church. The dance hall had been built in 1891 by the Mutual Improvement Associations of Charleston at a cost of \$4,500, and was the largest and best equipped social center in the valley. With some remodeling through the years, this building served the Charleston Ward for more than half a century.

During one of the most severe winters in the valley, the chapel caught fire on Jan. 19, 1949. The snow was so deep and the ice so thick on the canal that it was impossible to get water to fight the blaze. So, the members of the ward had to stand and watch their building be completely destroyed by fire.

However, all was not lost, for the members of the ward under Bishop H. Fred Price rallied to the challenge and soon had a new chapel underway at a site two blocks north and one block east of the old building. It was completed, paid for and dedicated by Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve on Feb. 18, 1951, just about two years after the old structure had been destroyed.



The present Charleston Ward Chapel, constructed from 1949 to 1951 and dedicated February 18, 1951 by Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve. Built while H. Fred Price was ward bishop.

The auxiliary organizations of the Church have played a great role in the lives of Charleston Ward members. Those who have lead these organizations through the years include the following:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Joseph R. Murdock, first superintendent, sustained Jan. 1, 1879 and served until 1880. Other superintendents were: John H. Murdock, 1880-1882; Emmanuel Richman, 1882-1888; William Daybell, 1888-1901; D. A. Broadbent, 1901; James Ritchie, 1901-1907; Joseph S. Wright, 1907; John O. Edwards, 1907-1908; Joseph S. Wright, 1908-1911; Stephen A. Simmons, 1911-1918; T. Fred Winterton, 1918-1930; H. Fred Price, 1930-1939; Glen L. Farnsworth, 1939-1943; Bert Carlson, 1943-1947; Eldon D. Wright, 1947-1949; Vern Thacker, 1950-51; J. Fred Price, 1951-58; George Mulletstein, 1958-.

PRIMARY ASSOCIATION: Esther Richmond Dabbling, first president, sustained Sept. 7, 1879 and served until Aug. 4, 1883; Agnes McGhee, 1883-1885; Jane Taylor, 1885-1886; Annie Daybell, 1886-1888; Dora Simmons, 1888-1892; Maggie J. Murdock, 1892-1895; Dora Simmons, 1895-1901; Lucy A. Jacobs, 1901-1903; Maud Simmons Bates, 1903-1904; Phebe B. Daybell, 1904-1908; Sarah E. Murdock, 1908-1909; Marian E. Carlile, 1909-1912; Mable R. Henline, 1912-1929; Floretta Allen, 1929-1930; Mazie Watson, 1930; Violet Wright Whiting, 1930-1933; Vivian Turner Wright, Leila Edwards, Maurine Carlson, 1941-1943;